

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 46

Introduced by Assembly Member Cox

February 20, 2003

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 46—Relative to the Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 46, as introduced, Cox. Legislation affecting businesses.

This measure would request Members of the Legislature to refrain from proposing legislation that hinders or restricts California businesses from operating or employing Californians in California, in an effort to make California more economically competitive.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of California
2 recognizes the enormity of the California budget deficit, as it
3 measures larger than any fiscal shortcoming in California's
4 history; and

5 WHEREAS, The Legislative Analyst projected California's
6 budget deficit to total an estimated 26 billion dollars; and

7 WHEREAS, Immediate action must be taken to address the
8 current state budget crisis as well as California's looming
9 structural deficit, to ensure that California's future will be one of
10 fiscal stability and certainty; and

11 WHEREAS, A growing number of California businesses are
12 unable to operate and to create new jobs in California due to the
13 many restrictions and taxes imposed upon them by the state, such

1 as increases in workers' compensation, retirement enhancements,
2 prevailing wage, eight-hour workdays, and family care leave; and

3 WHEREAS, According to the Employment Development
4 Department, manufacturing employment in California decreased
5 by 187,000 jobs from January 2001 to December 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, The Wall Street Journal reports that 57 percent of
7 executives named California as having "the nation's worst
8 business climate"; and

9 WHEREAS, The California Manufacturing and Technology
10 Association reports that California has the third highest overall
11 cost of doing business in the United States, at 32 percent above the
12 national average; and

13 WHEREAS, California is currently ranked 46th out of 50 states
14 in the Small Business Survival Index; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the Pacific Research Institute, an
16 increase in California sales tax would result in the loss of an
17 estimated 590,000 jobs over three years and reduce the capital
18 stock by 1.2 percent; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
21 hereby requests its members to refrain from proposing any
22 legislation that hinders or restricts California businesses from
23 operating and employing Californians within California, in an
24 effort to make California more economically competitive.

